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Bishops Priests

Deacons

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The Preface.

It is evident unto all men, diligently reading holy Scripture, and ancient Authors, that from the Apostles time, there hath been these orders of Ministers in Christs Church, Bishops, Priests, and Deacons: Which offices were evermore had in such reverent estimation, that no man by his own private authority, might presume to execute any of them, except he were first called, tried, examined, and known to have such qualities as were requisite for the same, and also by publike prayer, with imposition of hands, approved and admitted thereunto. And therefore, to the intent these Orders should be continued, and reverently used and esteemed in this Church of England, it is requisite that no man (not being at this present a Priest, nor Deacon) shall execute any of them, except he be called, tried, examined, and admitted according to the form hereafter following. And none shall be admitted a Deacon, except he be twenty one years of age at the least. And every man which is to be admitted a Priest, shall be full four and twenty years o'd. And every man which is to be consecrated a Bishop, shall be fully thirty years of age. And the Bishop knowing either by himself, or by sufficient testimony, any person to be a man of vertuous conversation, and without crime; and after examination and trial, finding him learned in the Latine tongue, and sufficiently instructed in holy Scripture, may upon a Sunday or Holiday, in the face of the Church, admit him a Deacon, in such manner and form as hereafter follow-



The form and manner of ordering of DEACONS.



First, when the day appointed by the Bishop is come, there shall be an exhortation, declaring the duty and office of such as come to be admitted Ministers, how necessary such Orders are in the Church of Christ, and also how the people ought to esteem them in their vocation.

After the exhortation ended, the Archdeacon or his Deputy, shall present such as shall come to the Bishop to be admitted, saying these words,

Reverend Father in God, I present unto you these persons present to be admitted Deacons.

The Bishop.

Take heed that the persons whom ye present unto us, be apt and meet, for their learning and godly conversation, to exercise their ministry duly, to the honor of God, and edifying of his Church.

The Archdeacon shall answer.

I have enquired of them, and also examined them, and think them so to be.

And the Bishop shall say unto the people,

Brethren, if there be any of you, who knoweth any impediment or notable crime, in any of these persons presented to be ordered Deacons, for the which he ought not to be admitted to the same, let him come forth in the Name of God, and shew what the crime, or impediment is.

And if any great crime or impediment be objected, the Bishop shall surcease from ordering that person, untill such time as the party accused shall by tryal clear himself of that crime.

Then the Bishop commending such as shall be found meet to be ordered, to the prayers of the Congregation, with the clerks and people present, shall say or sing the Letany, as followeth, with the prayers.

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The Letany and Suffrages.



God the Father of heaven: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Father of heaven: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son Redeemer of the world: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son Redeemer of the world: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the holy Ghost proceeding from the Father and the Son: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the holy Ghost proceeding from the Father and the Son: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Remember not Lord our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers, neither take thou vengeance of our sins: Spare us good Lord, spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Spare us good Lord.

From all evil and mischief, from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the Devil, from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation.

Good Lord deliver us.

From all blindness of heart, from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy, from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness.

Good Lord deliver us.

From fornication and all other deadly sin, and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the Devil.

Good Lord deliver us.

From lightning and tempest, from plague, pestilence, and famine, from battle and murder, and from sudden death.

Good Lord deliver us.

From all sedition and privy conspiracy, from all false doctrine and heresie, from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word and commandment.

Good Lord deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation, by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision, by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation.

Good Lord deliver us.

By thine Agony and bloody Sweat, by thy Cross and Passion, by thy precious death and burial, by thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and by the coming of the holy Ghost.

Good Lord deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our wealth, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgement.

Good Lord deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us (O Lord God) and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy church universally in the right way.

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We beseech thee to hear us good Lord.

That it may please thee to keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of thee, in righteousness and holiness of life, thy servant CHARLES, our most gracious King and Governour.

We beseech thee to hear us good Lord.

That it may please thee to rule his heart in thy faith, fear, and love, and that he may evermore have affiance in thee, and ever seek thy honour and glory.

We beseech thee to hear us good Lord.

That it may please thee to be his defender and keeper, giving him the victory over all his enemies.

We beseech thee to hear us good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and preserve our gracious Queen Mary, Prince James Duke of York, and the rest of the Royal Progeny.

We beseech thee to hear us good Lord.

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Pastors, and Ministers of the Church, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word, and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and shew it accordingly.

We beseech thee to hear us good Lord.

That it may please thee to endue the Lords of the Council, and all the Nobility, with grace, wisdom, and understanding.

We beseech thee to hear us good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep the Magistrates, giving them grace to execute Justice, and to maintain truth.

We beseech thee to hear us good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people.

We beseech thee to hear us good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all nations, unity, peace, and concord.

We beseech thee to hear us good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us an heart to love and dread thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments.

We beseech thee to hear us good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace, to hear meekly thy word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit.

We beseech thee to hear us good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth, all such as have erred and are deceived.

We beseech thee to hear us good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand, and to comfort and help the weak hearted, and to raise up them that fall, and finally to beat down Satan under our feet.

We beseech thee to hear us good Lord.

That it may please thee to succour, help and comfort all that be in danger, necessity, and tribulation.

We beseech thee to hear us good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all that travel by land or by water, all women laboring of child, all sick persons and young children, and to shew thy pity upon all prisoners and captives.

We beseech thee to hear us good Lord.

That it may please thee to defend and provide for the fatherless children and widows, and all that be desolate and oppressed.

We beseech thee to hear us good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men.

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We beseech thee to hear us good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and to turn their hearts.

We beseech thee to hear us good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, to us in due time we may enjoy them.

We beseech thee to hear us good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance, to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances, and to endue us with the grace of thy holy Spirit, to mend our lives according to thy holy word.

We beseech thee to hear us good Lord.

Son of God: we beseech thee to hear us.

Son of God: we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant us thy peace.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ hear us.

O Christ hear us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

And lead us not into temptation.

But deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Verse.

O Lord deal not with us after our sins.

Answer.

Neither reward us after our iniquities.

Let us pray.



God merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful, mercifully assist our prayers that we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, be brought to nought, and by the providence of thy goodness they may be dispersed, that we thy servants being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord arise, help us, and deliver us for thy names sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

O Lord arise, help us, and deliver us for thine honor.

Glorify be to the Father, and to the Son, &c.

As it was in the beginning, is now, &c.

From our enemies defend us, O Christ.

Graciously look upon our afflictions.

Mercifully behold the sorrows of our hearts.

Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

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Favourably with mercy hear our prayers.

O Son of David have mercy upon us.

Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.

Graciously hear us O Christ, graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

The Versicle.

O Lord, let thy mercy be shewed upon us.

Answer.

As we do put our trust in thee.

C Let us pray.

V We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities, and for the glory of thy Name sake turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved: and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory, through our onely Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Almighty God, which hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and doest promise that when two or three be gathered together in thy Name, thou wilt grant their requests: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Then shall be said or sung this that followeth.

A Almighty God, which by thy divine providence hast appointed divers orders of Ministers in the Church, and didst inspire thine holy Apostles, to chuse unto this order of Deacons, the first Martyr, S. Stephen, with other: mercifully behold these thy servants, now called to the like office and administration, replenish them so with the truth of thy doctrine, and innocency of life, that both by word and good example, they may faithfully serve thee in this office, to the glory of thy Name, and profit of the Congregation, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the holy Ghost, now and for ever, Amen.

Then shall be sung or said the Communion of the day, saving the Epistle shall be read out of Timothy, as followeth.

Likewise must the ministers be honest, not double tongued, not given unto much wine, neither greedy of filthy lucre, but holding the mystery of the faith, with a pure conscience: and let them first be proved, and then let them minister, so that no man be able to reprove them. Even so must their wives be honest, not evil speakers, but sober, and faithful in all things. Let the Deacons be the husbands of one wife, and such as rule their children well, and their own households: For they that minister well, get themselves a good degree, and a great liberty in the faith which is Christ Jesus.

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These things write I unto thee, trusting to come shortly unto thee : but and if I tarry long, that thou mayest yet have knowledge how thou oughtest to behave thy self in the house of God, which is the congregation of the living God, the pillar and ground of truth. And without doubt, great is that mytery of godliness, God was shewed in the flesh, was justified in the spirit, was seen among the angels, was preached unto the Gentiles, was believed on in the world, and received up in glory.

Or else this out of the sixth of the Acts.

Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples together, and said, It is not meet that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, and full of the holy Ghost, and wisdom, to whom we may commit this business: but we will give our selves continually to prayer, and to the administration of the word. And that saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith, and full of the holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochyrus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Permenas, and Nicholas, a convert of Antioch. These they set before the Apostles, and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. And the Word of God increased, and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly, and a great company of the Priests were obedient unto the faith.

And before the Gospel, the Bishop sitting in a chair, shall cause the oath of the Kings supremacy, and against the power and authority of all foraign Potentates, to be ministred unto every of them that are to be ordered.

¶ The Oath of the Kings Sovereignty.

IA. B. do utterly testifie and declare in my conscience, that the Kings Highness is the onely supreme governour of this Realm, and of all other his Highness dominions and Countries, aswell in all Spiritual or Ecclesiastical things or causes, as temporal, and that no foraign Prince, Person, Prelate, State or Potentate; hath or ought to have any jurisdiction, power, superiority, preeminence, or authority Ecclesiastical, or Spiritual within this Realm, and therefore I do utterly renounce and forsake all foraign jurisdictions, powers, superiorities, and authorities, and do promise that from henceforth I shall bear faith and true Allegiance to the Kings Highness, his heirs and lawful Successors, and to my power shall assist and defend all jurisdictions, privileges, preeminences, and authorities, granted or belonging to the Kings Highness, his heirs, and Successors, or united and annexed to the Imperial Crown of this Realm, so help me God, and the Contents of this Book.

Then shall the Bishop examine every one of them that are to be ordered, in the presence of the people, after this manner following.

Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the holy Ghost to take upon you this office and ministration, to serve God, for the promoting of his glory, and the edifying of his people?

Answer.

I trust so.

The Bishop.

Do you think that ye truly be called according to the will of our Lord Jesus

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Jesus Christ, and the due order of this Realm, to the Ministry of the Church?

Answer.

I think so.

The Bishop.

Do you unfainedly believe all the Canonical Scriptures of the old and new Testament?

Answer.

I do believe.

The Bishop.

VVill you diligently read the same unto the people assembled in the Church where you shall be appointed to serve?

Answer.

I will.

The Bishop.

It appertaineth to the office of a Deacon in the Church, where he shall be appointed, to assist the Priest in divine service, and specially when he ministrereth the holy Communion, and to help him in distribution thereof, and to read holy Scriptures and Homilies in the Congregation, and to instruct the youth in the Catechism, to baptize, and to preach, if he be admitted thereto by the Bishop. And furthermore, it is his office, where provision is so made, to search for the sick, poor, and impotent people of the parish, to intimate their estates, names, and places where they dwell unto the Curate, that by his exhortation they may be relieved by the parish, or other convenient alms: will you do this gladly and willingly?

Answer.

I will so do by the help of God.

The Bishop.

VVill you apply all your diligence to frame and fashion your own lives, and the lives of your family, according to the doctrine of Christ, and to make both your selves and them, as much as in you lieth, wholesome examples of the flock of Christ?

Answer.

I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop.

VVill you reverently obey your Ordinary, and other chief ministers of the Church, and them to whom the government and charge is committed over you, following with a glad minde and will, their godly admonitions?

Answer.

I will endeavor my self, the Lord being my helper.

Then the Bishop laying his hands severally upon the head of every of them, shall say;

Take thou authority to execute the office of a Deacon in the Church of God committed unto thee: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the holy Ghost. Amen.

Then shall the Bishop deliver to every one of them the new Testament, saying,

Take thou authority to read the Gospel in the Church of God, and to preach the same, if thou be thereto ordinarily commanded.

Then one of them appointed by the Bishop, shall read the Gospel of that day.

Then shall the Bishop proceed to the Communion, and all that are ordered shall tarry and receive the holy Communion the same day with the Bishop.

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The Communion ended, after the last Collect, and immediately before the Benediction, shall be said this Collect following,

Almighty God, giver of all good things, which of thy great goodness hast vouchsafed to accept and take these thy servants unto the offices of Deacons in thy Church: make them we beseech thee (O Lord) to be modest, humble, and constant in their ministration, to have a ready will to observe all spiritual discipline, that they having always the testimony of a good conscience, and continuing ever stable and strong in thy Son Christ, may so well use themselves in this inferiour office, that they may be found worthy to be called unto the higher ministeries in thy Church, through the same thy Son our Saviour Christ, to whom be glory and honor world without end. Amen.

And here it must be shewed unto the Deacon, that he must continue in that Office of a Deacon, the space of a whole year at the least (except for reasonable causes it be otherwise seen to his Ordinary) to the intent he may be perfect, and well expert in the things appertaining to the Ecclesiastical administration, in executing whereof if he be found faithful and diligent, he may be admitted by his diocesan to the Order of Priesthood.



¶ The form of ordering of P R I E S T S.

When the exhortation is ended, then shall follow the Communion. And for the Epistle shall be read out of the twentieth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, as followeth.

From Miletus Paul sent messengers to Ephesus, and called the elders of the congregation: which when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know that from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, serving the Lord with all humbleness of minde, and with many tears and temptations, which happened unto me by the layings await of the Jews, because I would keep back nothing that was profitable unto you, but to shew you, and teach you openly throughout every house, witnessing both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, the repentance that is toward God, and the faith which is toward our Lord Jesus. And now behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall come on me there, but that the holy Ghost witnesseth in every City, saying, That bands and trouble abide me. But none of these things move me, neither is my life dear unto myself, that I might fulfill my course with joy, and the ministration of the word, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. And now behold, I am sure that henceforth ye all (through whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God) shall see my face no more. Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men: For I have spared no labor: but have shewed you all the counsel of God. Take heed therefore unto your selves, and to all the flock, among whom the holy Ghost

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hath made you overseers, to rule the congregation of God, which he hath purchased with his blood. For I am sure of this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Moreover, of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw disciples after them. Therefore awake, and remember that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one of you night and day with tears.

And now brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build further, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. I have desired no mans silver, gold, or bestire: Yea, you know your selves, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and unto them that were with me. I have shewed you all things, how that so laboring, ye ought to receive the weak, and to remember the words of our Lord Jesus, how that he said, It is more blessed to give, then to receive.

Or else this third chapter of the first Epistle to Timothy.



His is a true saying, If any man desire the office of a Bishop, 1 Tim. 3.
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made both in
one day. he desireth an honest work. A Bishop therefore must be blameless, the husband of one wife, diligent, sober, discreet, a keeper of hospitality, apt to teach, not given to overmuch wine, no fighter, not greedy of filthy lucre, but gentle, abhorring fighting, abhorring covetousness, one that ruleth well his own house, one that hath children in subjection with all reverence. For if a man cannot rule his own house, how shall he care for the congregation of God? He may not be a young scholer, lest he swell, and fall into the judgement of the evil speaker. He must also have a good report of them which are without, lest he fall into rebuke and snare of the evil speaker.

Likewise must the ministers be honest, not double-tongued, not given unto much wine, neither greedy of filthy lucre, but holding the mystery of the faith, with a pure conscience: and let them first be proved, and then let them minister, so that no man be able to reprove them.

Even so must their wives be honest, not evil-speakers, but sober and faithful in all things. Let the Deacons be the husbands of one wife, and such as rule their children well, and their own households: For they that minister well, get themselves a good degree, and great liberty in the faith, which is in Christ Jesus. These things write I unto thee, trusting to come shortly unto thee: but if I tarry long, that then thou mayest have yet knowledge, how thou oughtest to behave thy self in the house of God, which is the congregation of the living God, the pillar and ground of truth.

And without doubt, great is that mystery of godliness: God was shewed in the flesh, was justified in the spirit, was seen among the angels, was preached unto the Gentiles, was believed on in the world, and received up in glory.

After this shall be read for the Gospel, a piece of the last Chapter of Matthew, as followeth.

Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth: go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even untill the end of the world.

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Or else this that followeth, out of the tenth Chapter of S. John.

Verily, verily I say unto you, He that entreth not in by the dooz into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a murtherer. But he that entreth in by the dooz, is the shepherd of the sheep: to him the porter openeth, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leaueth them out. And when he hath sent forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him, for they know not the voice of strangers. This proverb spake Iesus unto them, but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. Then said Iesus unto them again, Verily, verily I say unto you, I am the dooz of the sheep: and all (even as many as came before me) are theeves and murderers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the dooz: by me if any man enter in, he shall be safe, and go in and out, and finde pasture. A thief cometh not but for to steal, kill, and to destroy. I am come, that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. An hired servant, and he which is not the shepherd (neither the sheep are his own) seeth the wolf coming, and leaueth the sheep, and fleeth, and the wolf catcheth and scattereth the sheep. The hired servant fleeth, because he is an hired servant, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As my Father knoweth me, even so know I also my Father. And I give my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also must I bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

Or else this, of the xx. chapter of John.

The same day at night, which was the first day of the Sabbath, when the doozs were shut (where the disciples were assembled together, for fear of the Jews) came Iesus and stood in the midst, and said unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Iesus unto them again, Peace be unto you: As my Father sent me, even so send I you also. And when he had said those words, he breathed on them, and said unto them, Receive ye the holy Ghost. Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them: and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

When the Gospel is ended, then shall be said or sung.

Come holy Ghost eternal God, proceeding from above:
Both from the Father and the Son, the God of peace and love.
Visit our minds, and into us, thy heavenly grace inspire:
That in all truth and godliness, we may have true desire.
Thou art the very Comforter, in all wo and distress:
The heavenly gift of God most high, which no tongue can express.
The fountain and the lively spring, of joy celestial:
The fire so bright, the love so clear, and Anction spiritual.
Thou in thy gifts art manifold, whereby Christs Church doth stand:
In faithful hearts writing thy law, the finger of Gods hand.

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According to thy promise made, thou givest speech of grace :
That through thy help the praise of God, may sound in every place.
O holy Ghost into our wits, send down thy heavenly light :
Kindle our hearts with fervent love, to serve God day and night.
Strength and stablish all our weakness, so feeble and so frail :
That neither flesh, the world, nor devil, against us do prevail.
Put back our enemy far from us, and grant us to obtain
Peace in our hearts with God and man, without grudge or disdain.
And grant, O Lord, that thou being, our leader and our guide :
We may eschew the snares of sin, and from thee never side.
To us such plenty of thy grace, good Lord, grant we thee pray :
That thou mayest be our Comforter, at the last dreadful day.
Of all strife and dissention, O Lord dissolve the bands :
And make the knots of peace and love, throughout all Christian lands,
Grant us, O Lord, through thee to know, the Father most of might :
That of his dear beloved Son, we may attain the sight.
And that with perfect faith also, we may acknowledge thee :
The Spirit of them both alway, one God in persons three.
Land and praise be to the Father, and to the Son equal :
And to the holy Spirit also, one God coeternal.
And pray we that the only Son, vouchsafe his Spirit to send :
To all that do profess his Name, unto the world its end. Amen.

And then the Archdeacon shall present unto the Bishop all them that shall receive the order of Priesthood that day, the Archdeacon saying.

Reverend Father in God, I present unto you these persons present, to be admitted to the order of Priesthood.

Cum interrogatione & responsione, ut in ordine Diaconatus.

And then the Bishop shall say to the people.

God people, these be they whom we purpose, God willing, to receive this day unto the holy office of Priesthood : For after due examination, we finde not to the contrary, but that they be lawfully called to their function and ministry, and that they be persons meet for the same : but yet if there be any of you, which knoweth any impediment or notable crime of any of them, for the which he ought not to be received into this holy ministry, now in the name of God declare the same.

And if any great crime or impediment be objected.

Ut supra in Ordine Diaconatus, usque ad finem Litanis, cum hac Collecta.

Almighty God, giver of all good things, which by thy holy Spirit hast appointed divers orders of Ministers in thy Church, mercifully behold these thy servants, now called to the office of Priesthood, and replenish them so with the truth of thy doctrine, and innocency of life, that both by word and good example, they may faithfully serve thee in this office, to the glory of thy Name, and profit of thy Congregation, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

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Then the Bishop shall minister unto every one of them the Oath concerning the Kings Supremacy, as it is set forth in the Order of Deacons. And that done, he shall say unto them which are appointed to receive the said Office, as hereafter followeth.

You have heard, brethren, as well in your private examination, as in the exhortation, and in the holy lessons taken out of the Gospel, and of the writings of the Apostles, of what dignity, and of how great importance this office is (whereunto ye be called) And now we exhort you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to have in remembrance into how high a dignity, and to how chargeable an office ye be called, that is to say, the messengers, the watchmen, the pastors and the stewards of the Lord, to teach, to reprove, to feed, and provide for the Lords family, to seek for Christs sheep that be dispersed abroad, and for his children which be in the midst of this naughty world, to be saved through Christ for ever. Have always therefore printed in your remembrance, how great a treasure is committed to your charge: for they be the sheep of Christ, which he bought with his death, and for whom he shed his blood. The Church and Congregation whom you must serve, is his spouse and his body.

And if it shall chance the same church, or any member thereof, to take any hurt or hinderance, by reason of your negligence, ye know the greatness of the fault, and also of the horrible punishment which will ensue. Wherefore consider with your selves the end of your ministry towards the children of God, towards the spouse and body of Christ, and see that you never cease your labor, your care, and diligence, untill you have done all that lieth in you, according to your bounden duty, to bring all such as are, or shall be committed to your charge, unto that agreement in faith and knowledge of God, and to that ripeness and perfectness of age in Christ, that there be no place left among you, either of error in Religion, or for viciousness in life.

Then, forasmuch as your office is both of so great excellency, and of so great difficulty, ye see with how great care and study ye ought to apply your selves, as well that you may shew your selves kinde to that Lord who hath placed you in so high a dignity, as also to beware that neither you your selves offend, neither be occasion that others offend. Howbeit, ye cannot have a mind and a will thereto of your selves, for that power and ability is given of God alone. Therefore ye see how ye ought and have need earnestly to pray for his holy Spirit. And seeing that you cannot by any other means compass the doing of so weighty a work pertaining to the salvation of man, but with doctrine and exhortation taken out of the holy Scriptures, and with a life agreeable unto the same: Ye perceive how studious ye ought to be in reading and in learning the Scriptures, and in framing the manners, both of your selves, and of them that specially pertain unto you, according to the rule of the same Scriptures: And for this selfsame cause, ye see how ye ought to forsake and set aside (as much as you may) all worldly cares and studies.

We have good hope, that you have well weighed and pondered these things with your selves, long before this time, and that you have clearly determined, by Gods grace to give your selves wholly to this vocation, whereunto it hath pleased God to call you, so that (as much as lieth in you) you apply your selves wholly to this one thing, and draw all your cares and studies this way, and to this end. And that you will continually pray for the heavenly assistance of the holy Ghost from God the Father, by the mediation of our onely Mediator and Saviour Jesus Christ, that by daily reading and weighing of the Scriptures, ye may so wax riper and stronger in your ministry: and that ye may so endeavor your selves from time to time

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time, to sanctifie the liues of you and yours, and to fashion them after the rule and doctrine of Christ: And that ye may be wholsome and godly examples and patterns for the rest of the Congregation to follow: and that this present Congregation of Christ here assembled, may also understand your minds and wills in these things: and that this your promise shall more moue you to do your duties, ye shall answer plainly to these things, which we in the name of the Congregation shall demand of you touching the same.

Do you think in your heart that you be truly called according to the will of our Lord Iesus Christ, and the order of this Church of England, to the ministry of Priesthood?

Answer.

I think it.

The Bishop.

BE you perswaded that the holy Scriptures contain sufficiently all doctrine required of necessity for eternal salvation, through faith in Iesu Christ? And are you determined with the said Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach nothing (as required of necessity to eternal salvation) but what you shall be perswaded may be concluded, and proved by the Scriptures?

Answer.

I am so perswaded, and have so determined by Gods grace.

The Bishop.

WILL you then give your faithful diligence, always so to minister the doctrine and Sacraments, and the discipline of Christ, as the Lord hath commanded, and as this Realm hath received the same, according to the commandments of God, so that you may teach the people committed to your cure and charge, with all diligence to keep and observe the same?

Answer.

I will so do by the help of the Lord.

The Bishop.

WILL you be ready with all faithful diligence to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrines, contrary to Gods word, and to use both publike and private monitions and exhortations, as well to the sick as to the whole, within your cures, as need shall require, and occasion be given?

Answer.

I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop.

WILL you be diligent in prayers, and in reading of the holy Scriptures, and in such studies as help to the knowledge of the same, laying aside the study of the world and the flesh?

Answer.

I will endeavor my self so to do, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop.

VILL you be diligent to frame and fashion your own selves, and your families according to the doctrine of Christ, and to make both your selves and them (as much as in you lieth) wholsome examples and spectacles to the flock of Christ?

Answer.

I will apply my self, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop.

VILL you maintain and set forwards (as much as lieth in you) quietness, peace, and love among all Christian people, and specially among them that are, or shall be committed to your charge?

Answer.

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Answer.

I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop.

Will you reverently obey your Ordinary, and other chief Ministers, unto whom the government and charge is committed over you, following with a glad minde and will, their godly admonitions, and submitting your selves to their godly judgements?

Answer.

I will so do, the Lord being my helper.


Then shall the Bishop say.

Almighty God, who hath given you this will to do all these things, grant also unto you strength and power to perform the same, that he may accomplish his work which he hath begun in you, untill the time he shall come at the latter day to judge the quick and the dead.

After this, the Congregation shall be desired, secretly in their prayers, to make humble supplications to God for the aforesaid things: for the which prayers there shall be a certain space kept in silence.

That done, the Bishop shall pray on this wise,

Let us pray.

 **A**lmighty God, and heavenly Father, which of thine infinite love and goodness towards us, hast given to us thy onely and most dear beloved Son Jesus Christ to be our redeemer, and author of everlasting life, who after he had made perfect our redemption by his death, and was ascended into heaven, sent abroad into the world his Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Doctors, and Pastors, by whose labor and ministry he gathered together a great flock in all parts of the world, to set forth the eternal praise of thy holy Name: For these so great benefits of thy eternal goodness, and for that thou hast vouchsafed to call these thy servants here present, to the same office and ministry of salvation of mankind, we render unto thee most hearty thanks, we worship and praise thee, and we humbly beseech thee, by the same thy Son, to grant unto all, which either here, or elsewhere call upon thy Name, that we may shew our selves thankful to thee, for these and all other thy benefits, and that we may daily increase and go forwards, in the knowledge and faith of thee and thy Son, by the holy Spirit. So that as well by these thy Ministers, as by them to whom they shall be appointed Ministers, thy holy Name may be always glorified, and thy blessed kingdom enlarged, through the same thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, which liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

When this prayer is done, the Bishop with the Priests present, shall lay their hands severally upon the head of every one that receiveth Orders: the receivers humbly kneeling upon their knees, and the Bishop saying,

Recieve the holy Ghost: whose sins thou doest forgive, they are forgiven; and whose sins thou doest retain, they are retained: and be thou a faithful dispenser of the word of God, and of his holy Sacraments: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Ghost. Amen.

The Bishop shall deliver to every one of them the Bible in his hand, saying,

Take thou authority to preach the word of God, and to minister the holy Sacraments in this Congregation, where thou shalt be so appointed.

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When this is done, the Congregation shall sing the Creed, and also they shall go to the Communion, which all they that receive Orders, shall take together, and remain in the same place where the hands were laid upon them, untill such time as they have received the Communion.

The Communion being done, after the last Collect, and immediately before the Benediction, shall be said this Collect.

Most merciful Father, we beseech thee, so to send upon these thy servants thy heavenly blessing, that they may be clad about with all justice, and that thy word spoken by their mouths may have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also that we may have grace to hear, and receive the same as thy most holy word, and the means of our salvation, that in all our words and deeds we may seek thy glory, and the increase of thy kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

And if the order of Deacons and Priesthood be given both upon one day, then shall all things at the holy Communion be used, as they are appointed in the ordering of Priests; saving that for the Epistle, the whole third Chapter of the first to Timothy shall be read, as it is set out before in the order of Priests. And immediately after the Epistle the Deacons shall be ordered. And it shall suffice the Letany to be said once.



¶ The form of Consecrating of an Archbishop or Bishop.

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The Epistle.

This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a Bishop, he desireth an honest work. A Bishop therefore must be blameless, the husband of one wife, diligent, sober, discreet, a keeper of hospitality, apt to teach, not given to over much wine, no fighter, not greedy of filthy lucre, but gentle, abhorring fighting, abhorring covetousness, one that ruleth well his own house, one that hath children in subjection with all reverence. For if a man cannot rule his own house, how shall he care for the Congregation of God? He may not be a young scholar, lest he swell, and fall into the judgement of the evil speaker. We must also have a good report of them which are without, lest he fall into rebuke, and the snare of the evil speaker.

The Gospel.

Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon Johanna, lovest thou me more than these? He said unto him, Yea Lord, thou knowest that I love thee: he said to him, Feed my Lambs. He said to him again the second time, Simon Johanna, lovest thou me? He said unto him, Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee: he said unto him, Feed my sheep. He said unto him the third time, Simon Johanna, lovest thou me? Peter was sorry, because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me. And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things, thou knowest that I love thee; Jesus said unto him, Feed my sheep.

Or else out of the tenth Chapter of John: as before in the order of Priests.

After the Gospel and Creed ended: first the elected Bishop shall be presented by two Bishops, unto the Archbishop of that Province, or to some other Bishop appointed by his commission: the Bishops that present him, saying,

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Most reverent Father in God, we present unto you this godly and well learned man to be consecrated Bishop.

Then shall the Archbishop demand the Kings mandate for the consecration, and cause it to be read, and the oath touching the knowledge of the Kings supremacy, shall be ministered to the persons elected, as it is set out in the order of Deacons. And then shall be ministered the Oath of due obedience unto the Archbishop, as followeth.

The oath of due obedience to the Archbishop.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, N. chosen Bishop of the Church and See of N. do profess and promise all due reverence and obedience to the Archbishop, and to the Metropolitane Church of N. and to their successors: to help me God through Jesus Christ.

This Oath shall not be made at the Consecration of an Archbishop.

Then the Archbishop shall move the Congregation present, to pray, saying thus to them:

Brethren, it is written in the Gospel of S. Luke, that our Saviour Christ continued the whole night in prayer, as ever that he did chuse and send forth his twelve Apostles. It is written also in the Acts of the Apostles, that the disciples which were at Antioch did fast and pray, as ever they laid hands upon, as sent forth Paul and Barnabas. Let us therefore, following the example of our Saviour Christ and his Apostles, first fall to prayer, as that we admit and send forth this person presented unto us, to the work whereunto we trust the holy Ghost hath called him.

And then shall be said the Letany, as afore in the order of Deacons.

And after this place, That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, &c.

That it may please thee to bleis this our brother elected, and to send thy grace upon him, that he may duly execute the office whereunto he is called, to the edifying of thy Church, & to the honour, praise, and glory of thy Name.

Answer.

We beseech thee to hear us good Lord.

Concluding the Letanie in the end, with this prayer.

Almighty God, giver of all good things, which by thy holy Spirit hast appointed divers orders of Ministers in thy Church, mercifully behold this thy servant, now called to the work and ministry of a Bishop, and replenish him so with the truth of thy doctrine, and innocency of life, that both by word and deed he may faithfully serve thee in this office, to the glory of thy Name, and profit of thy Congregation, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Then the Archbishop sitting in a chair, shall say to him that is to be consecrated.

Brother, for as much as holy Scripture, and the old Canons, commandeth, that we should not be hasty in laying on hands, and admitting of any person to the government of the congregation of Christ, which he hath purchased with no less price then the effusion of his own blood: afore I admit you to this administration, whereunto you are called, I will examine you in certain Articles, to the end the Congregation present may have a trial, and bear witness how ye be minded to behave your self in the Church of God.

Are you perswaded that you be truly called to this ministration, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the order of this Realm?

Answer.

I am so perswaded.

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The Archbishop.

Are you perswaded that the holy Scriptures contain sufficiently all doctrine, required of necessity for eternal salvation through the faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined with the same holy Scriptures, to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach or maintain nothing as required of necessity to eternal salvation, but that you shall be perswaded may be concluded and proved by the same?

Answer.

I am so perswaded, and determined by Gods grace.

The Archbishop.

Will you then faithfully exercise your self in the said holy Scriptures, and call upon God by prayer for the true understanding of the same, so as ye may be able by them to teach and exhort with wholesome doctrine, and to withstand and convince the gainsayers?

Answer.

I will so do, by the help of God.

The Archbishop.

Be you ready with all faithful diligence to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrine contrary to Gods word, and both privately and openly to call upon and encourage others to the same?

Answer.

I am ready, the Lord being my helper.

The Archbishop.

Will you deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and live soberly, righteously, and godly in this world, that you may shew your self in all things an example of good works unto others, that the adversary may be ashamed, having nothing to lay against you?

Answer.

I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

The Archbishop.

Vill you maintain and set forward (as much as shall lie in you) quietness, peace, and love among all men: and such as be unquiet, disobedient, and criminous within your Diocess, correct and punish according to such authority as ye have by Gods word, and as to you shall be committed by the ordinance of this Realm?

Answer.

I will so do, by the help of God.

The Archbishop.

Vill you shew your self gentle, and be merciful for Christs sake to poor and needy people, and to all strangers destitute of help?

Answer.

I will so shew my self by Gods help.

The Archbishop.

Almighty God our heavenly Father, who hath given you a good will to do all these things: grant also unto you strength and power to perform the same, that he accomplishing in you the good work which he hath begun, ye may be found perfect and irreprehensible at the latter day, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall be sung or said, Come holy Ghost, &c.

As it is set out in the order of Priests.

That ended, the Archbishop shall say,

Lord hear our prayer.

Answer.

And let our cry come unto thee.

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Let us pray.

Almighty God, and most merciful Father, which of thine infinite goodness hast given thy onely and most dear begotten Son Iesus Christ to be our Redeemer and Author of everlasting life, who after that he had made perfect our Redemption by his death, and was ascended into heauen, poured down his gifts abundantly upon men, sending forth Apostles, some Prophets, some Evangelists, some Pastors, and Doctors, to the edifying and making perfect his Congregation: we beseech thee, to this thy servant such grace, that he may evermore be ready to preach abroad thy Gospel, and glad tidings of redemption to all men, and to use the authority given unto him, not to condemn, but to save, not to hurt, but to help; so that he as a wise and faithful servant, coming to the harvest meat in due season, may at the last be received into joy, through Iesu Christ our Lord, who with thee, and the holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one God world without end. Amen.

Then the Archbishop and Bishops present, shall lay their hands upon the head of the elected Bishop, the Archbishop saying,

Take the holy Ghost, and remember that thou stir up the grace of God which is in thee, by imposition of hands: for God hath not given us the Spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and sobriety.

Then the Archbishop shall deliver him the Bible, saying,

Give heed unto reading, exhortation, and doctrine. Think upon these things contained in this book. Be diligent in them, that the increase coming thereby may be manifest unto all men. Take heed unto thy self, and unto teaching, and be diligent in doing them: for by doing this thou shalt save thy self, and them that hear thee. Be to the flock of Christ a shepherd, not a wolf: feed them, devour them not: hold up the weak, heal the sick, binde together the broken; bring again the outcasts, seek the lost, be so merciful, that ye be not too severe: to minister discipline, that you forget not mercy, that when the chief shepherd shall come, he may receive the immarcescible crown of glory, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Archbishop shall proceed to the Communion, with whom the new consecrated Bishop, with other, shall also communicate. And for the last Collect immediately before the Benediction, shall be said this Prayer.

Most merciful Father, we beseech thee, to send down upon this thy servant thy heavenly blessing, and to endue him with thy holy Spirit, that he preaching thy word, may not onely be earnest to reprove, beseech, and rebuke, with all patience and doctrine, but also may be, to such as believe, an wholesome example, in word, in conversation, in love, in faith, in chastity, and purity: that faithfully fulfilling his course, at the latter day he may receive the crown of righteousness laid up by the Lord the righteous Judge, who liveth and reigneth, one God with the Father, and the holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

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